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BABY
CATCHUM?!





GANG PROJECT

It's always fun to make music! But learning to play an instrument takes a long time and can be expensive. We've come up with a much easier way to produce your favourite tunes! You will need:

- pencils – to use as beaters
- water
- 6 different sized glass jars and tumblers

Line up the jars and tumblers in order of size. Half fill the biggest jar with water. When you tap this jar with a pencil it will produce a low note. Then fill up the other jars and tumblers with different amounts of water. The more water you add, the higher the note will be. You'll have hours of fun experimenting with different amounts of water as you learn to play your favourite tunes! *Frere Jacques* is a nice easy one to begin with!

HI GANG!

AAAAAAAH! Doesn't Catchum make a cute baby? You can find out just how cute he was on page 8. Personally I feel very sorry for his babysitters!

Meanwhile Homer and Gomer are back to haunt us on Page 3. They're up to their usual naughty tricks but we're determined to ignore them, however difficult it might be! In *The Blunders* Patch finds a lucky charm, unfortunately it doesn't bring the rest of the family much luck!

As you can see on Page 7 it's the last part of our new as easy as ABC series. Next week we'll be starting a new series all about caring for your pet!

Montgomery

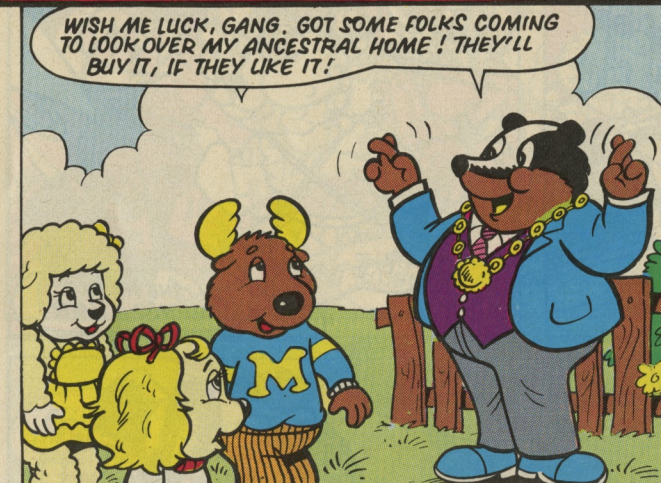


NEXT WEEK:
It's a really monstrous issue!

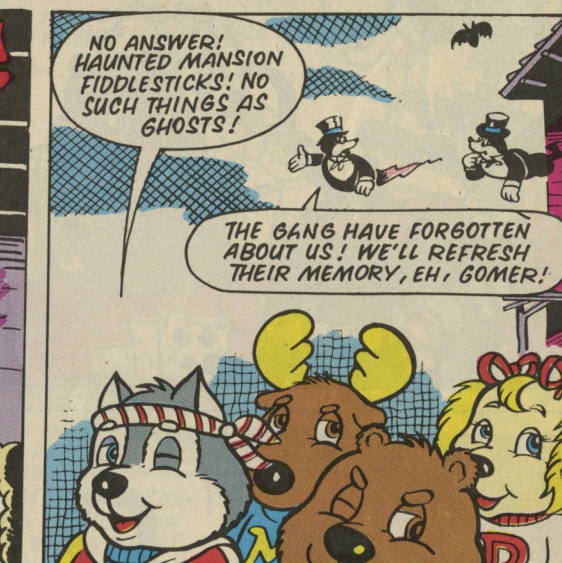
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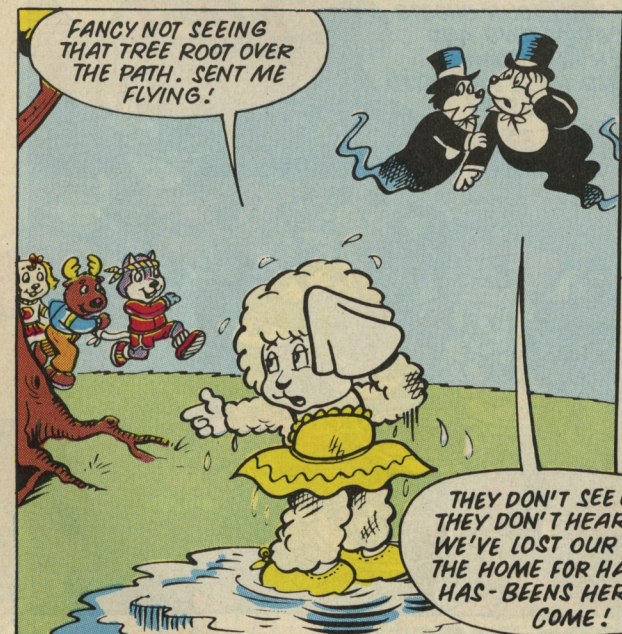
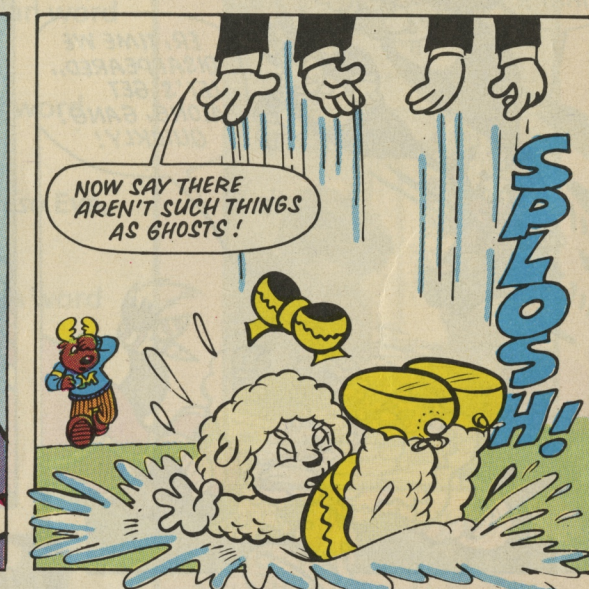
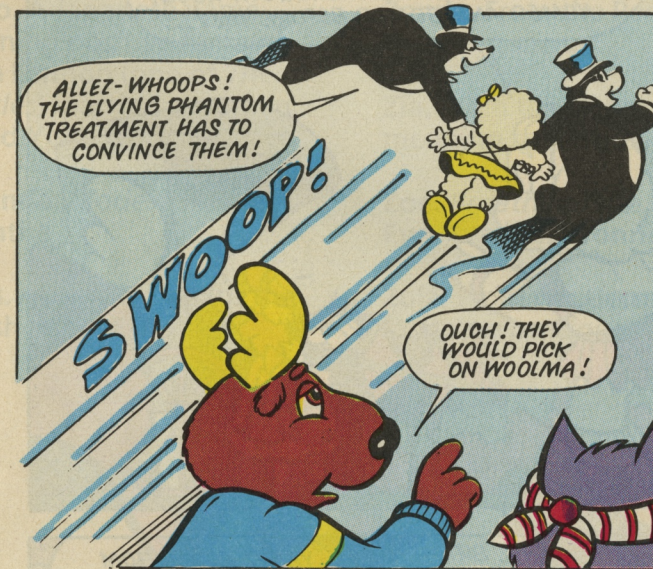
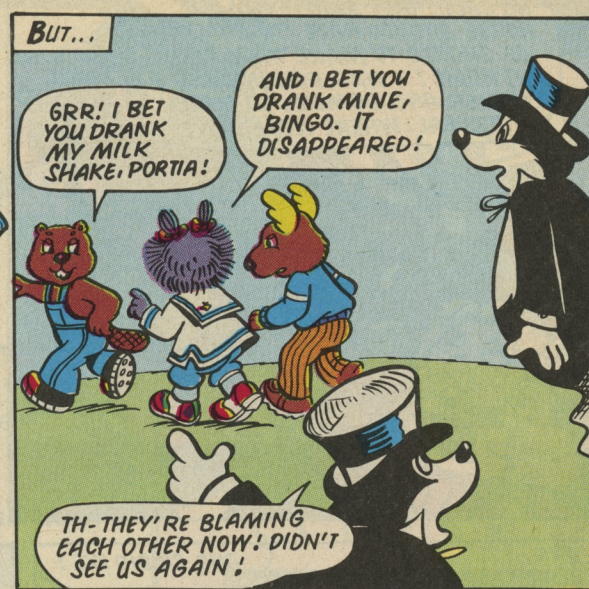
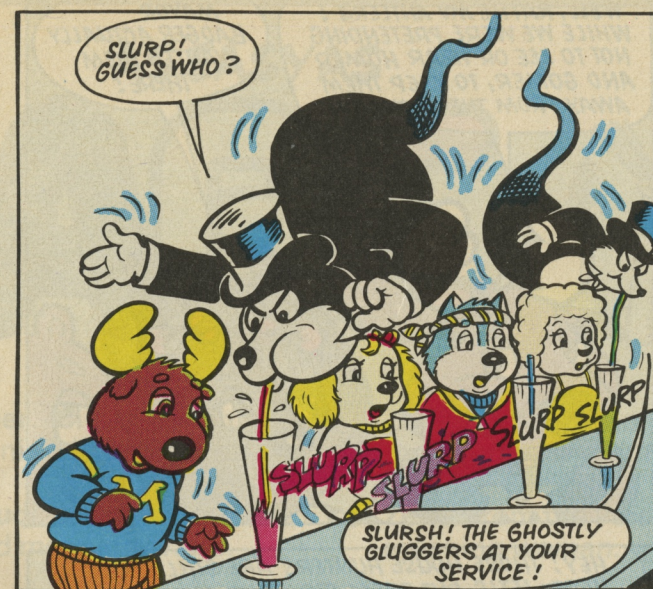
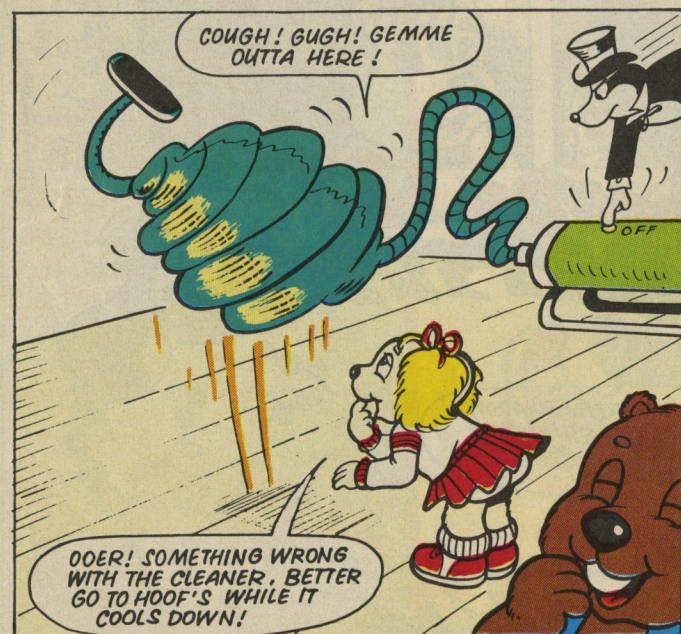
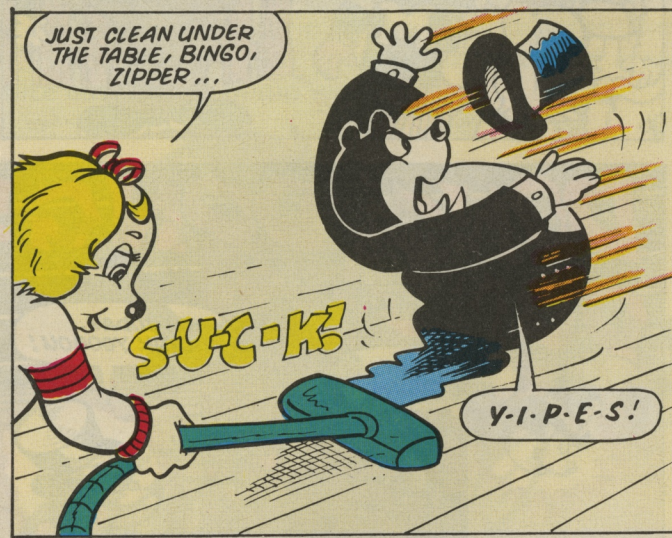
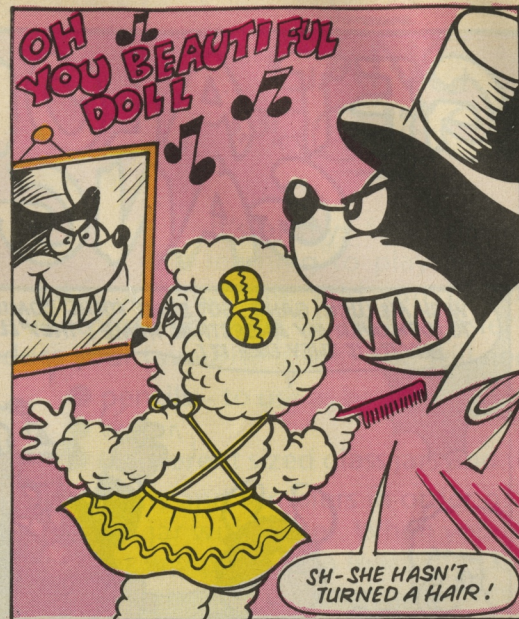
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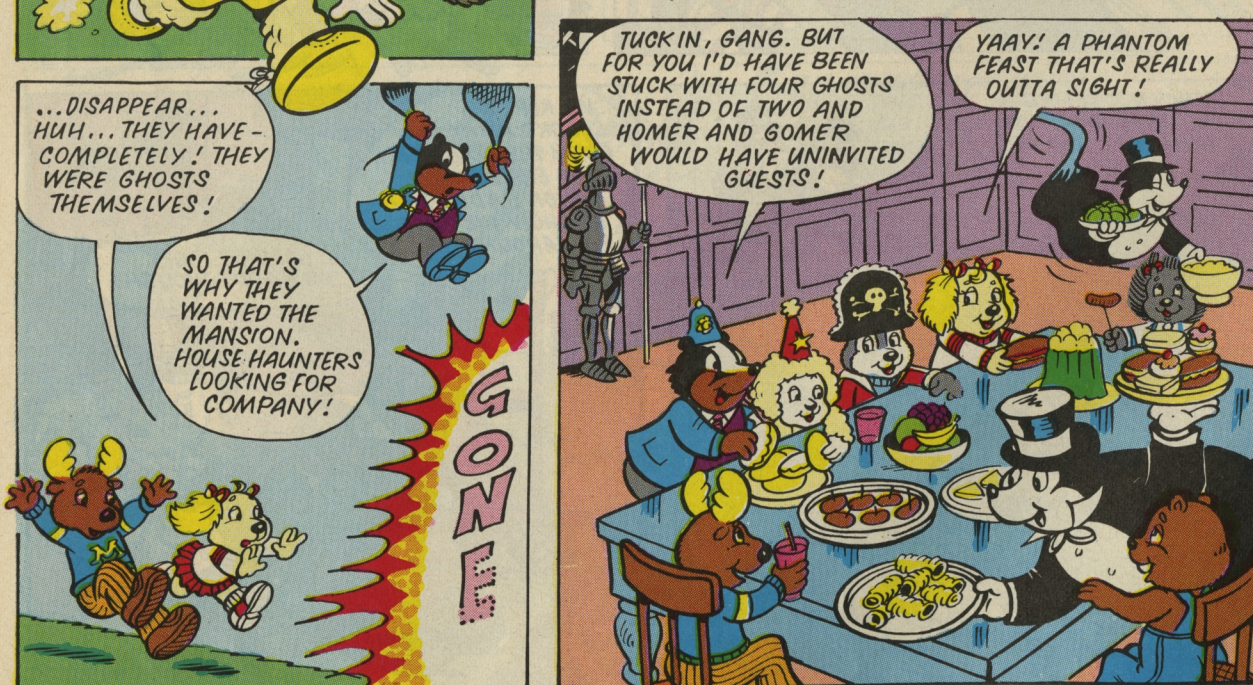
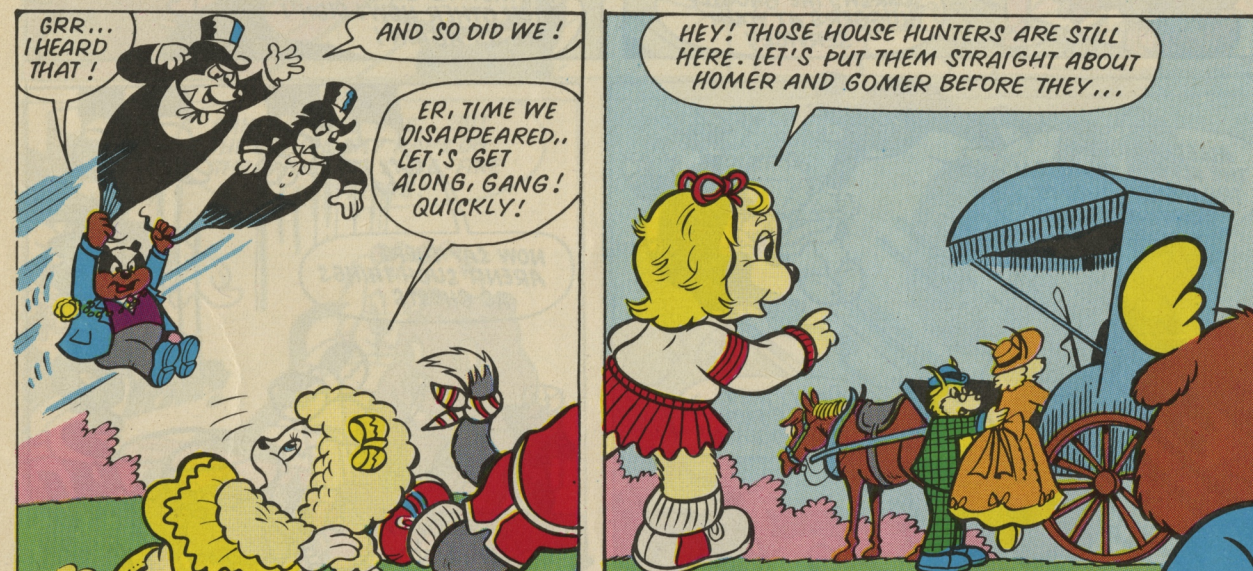
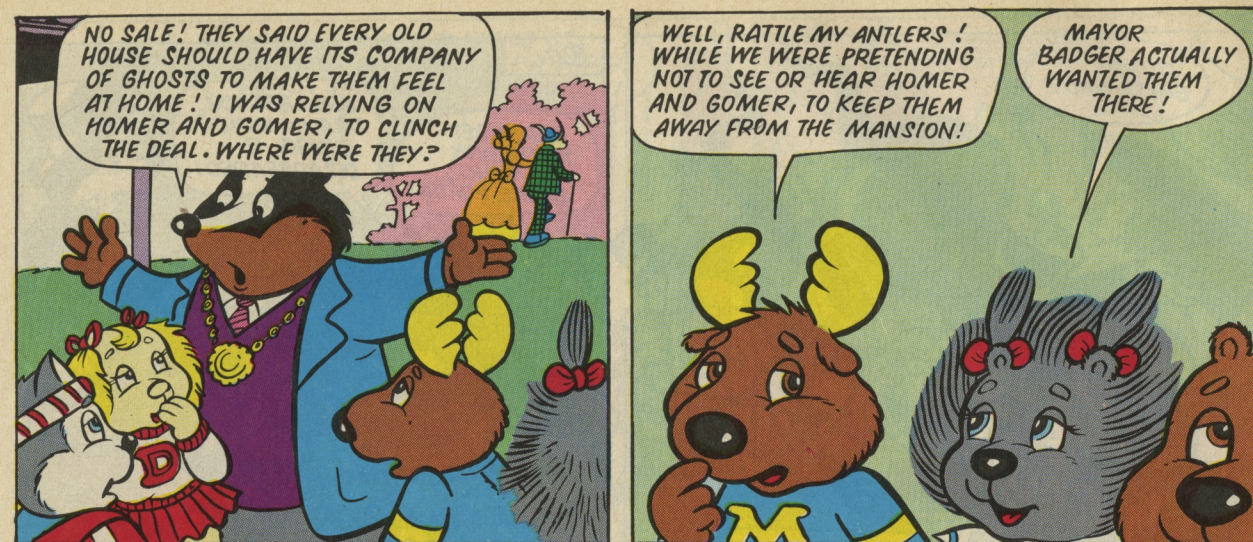


...IN HOUSE HUNTIN' HAUNTERS!



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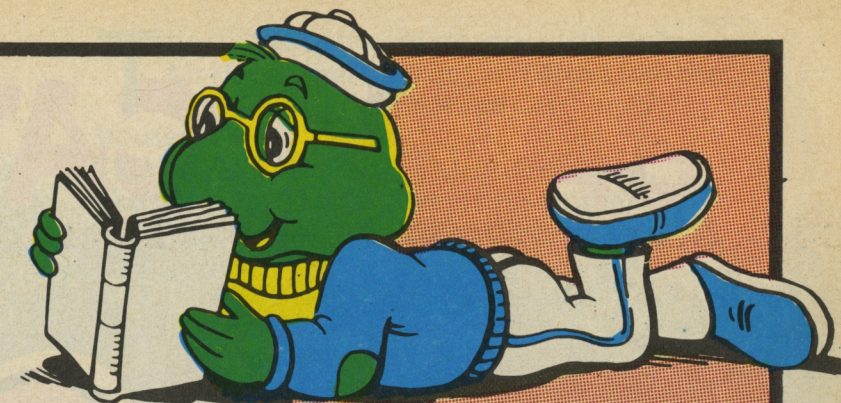




6 NEXT WEEK: A really monstrous story for you!

The Meaning of Names!

AS EASY AS ABC



Xavier. An Arabic name meaning *bright*.

Yehudi. From the Hebrew word meaning *praise*.

Yoko. A Japanese name meaning *positive female*! John Lennon (one of *The Beatles*) married a woman called Yoko Ono.

Yolanda. Modest. Also Iolanthe.

Yves. A French form of the Welsh name Evan.

Zeke. An Arabic name meaning *intelligent*.

Zena. From the Persian word meaning *woman*.

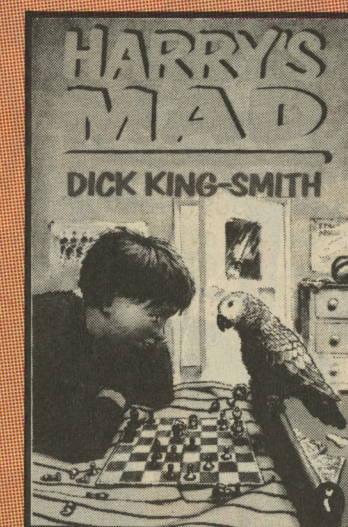
Zenda. From the Persian word meaning *sacred*.

Zia. From the Hebrew word meaning *to tremble*.

Zoe. Breathe of life. Also Eva, Eve, Evaline, Evonne.

Zola. From the German word meaning *precious*.

book choice



Harry's Mad by Dick King-Smith. Illustrated by Jill Bennett. Published by Puffin Books. Price: £1.50.

Great Uncle George has left Harry his most cherished possession – his parrot called Mad! A parrot isn't Harry's idea of a decent legacy, he'd been dreaming of untold riches and then all he'd got was this boring old parrot! But when Mad introduces himself in perfect American, Harry discovers that he has hidden lights! For Mad is not just a chatty beak – he's an ace at board games and a fund of useful information as well as a natural mimic – something which eventually gets him into terrible trouble and leads to some hair-raising adventures!

Xx Yy



Zz

Zipper. Fast runner!

Cut out and Collect.

BABY CATCHUM!



"That rotten Catchum! He's splashed mud all over my new jacket!" cried Portia.

"And ruined my photographs!" wailed Flora.

"He's torn my book!" sighed Braker.

"He's such a pest! Why can't he be nice like us?" Dotty shook her head as the Gang met at the Clubhouse Caboose to tell each other their troubles.

"Surely he can't have been bad all his life," said Montgomery. "I wonder what it was that turned him nasty?"

Bingo scowled. "He's always been rotten – bet on it!"

"Let's not fall out," said Rocco quickly to stop any arguments. "We could find out by using the time machine in the Green Meadow museum – the one that took us back to ancient Egypt once before."

With this in mind the Gang cried, "Let's Get Along, Gang!" and ran at full speed towards the museum. Finally they were about to learn what had turned Catchum so bad.

The time machine landed with a bump.

"Ouch! You should take driving lessons!"

Zipper grumbled at Montgomery after colliding with the floor.

The friends hurried out of the time machine (which looked something like an old grandfather clock) and found themselves in the centre of Green Meadow. They ducked behind a bush as Officer Growler strolled by. He didn't seem quite as fat as usual. The policeman gave a quizzical stare when he saw the grandfather clock in the middle of the road.

"We'll have to be quick or he might remove our time machine and we'll be stuck in the past for good," warned Flora.

"I hope not," Zipper frowned. "I've got a cricket match tomorrow – er, I mean in about six years."

The Gang hurried to Catchum's house. There, sitting in the garden, wearing a pretty pink bonnet and a nappy, was a baby Catchum Crocodile.

"Aww! Doesn't he look sweet!" cooed Dotty. "You wouldn't think he could grow up to be such a rotter."

"GA GA GOO!" Catchum gurgled happily, crawling across the garden. He stopped at the flower bed and began to pull up the flowers.

"Golly! He's being naughty!" gasped Dotty.

"No, look!" whispered Montgomery. They watched Catchum crawl over to his mother who was hanging out the washing and present her with the flowers.

"GA GOO FLOWERS MUMMY!" he said in baby talk.

"That's not the Catchum we know," laughed Braker. "He'd never do anything so nice."

The chimes of the ice cream van driven by Mr Hoofnagel rang out as it drove into the street and parked outside Catchum's house.

"SLURRP! I'S CWEAM!" Catchum gurgled excitedly. He waddled over to his mother. "CATCHUM WAN' I'S CWEAM!" he bawled loudly.

"Not now, dear. You've just had din-dins," his mother smiled kindly.

"CATCHUM WAN' I'S CWEAM!" bellowed the angry baby Catchum.

Baby Catchum could see that his mother was not going to let him have his way. When she disappeared indoors he crawled over to the flower bed and bashed down all the remaining flowers with his rattle. "ME NOT GET NOI'S CWEAM ME BE WEALLY BAD!" he yelled. He rolled in the mud to get his clothes filthy. He turned on the hose and filled up his Dad's garden boots with water. Then he pushed the hose through the crack in the fence and squirted baby Leland who was playing in his garden. Baby Catchum pulled the washing off the line and trampled it into the mud, broke the window of the potting shed with a stone and tipped over the dustbin so that all the rubbish blew over the garden.

"THWAT'LL TEACH MUMMY NOT 'OO GET CATCHUM I'S CWEAM!" he giggled happily.

"Me wike being nwaughty! Is fun!"

"Oh, you little horror!" Catchum cringed as his mother came running out and saw the mess. "Just wait 'til your father gets home!"

She dragged the wailing Catchum indoors.

"Shheessh! I don't believe it!" gasped Zipper.

"Catchum turned bad because he didn't get an ice cream!"

The Gang hurried back to the time machine. It wasn't long before they were back in their own time.

"C'mon, Gang! Let's hoof it to Hoofnagel's," shouted Montgomery as they all ran out of the museum.

Catchum was out looking for mischief to do. When he saw the Gang hurrying towards him he was about to dash away. "They probably wanna bash me for ruining their stuff!"

"Hey! Catchum, wait up!" cried Bingo.

"We've got something for you."

To Catchum's amazement the Gang presented him with six super giant ice creams.

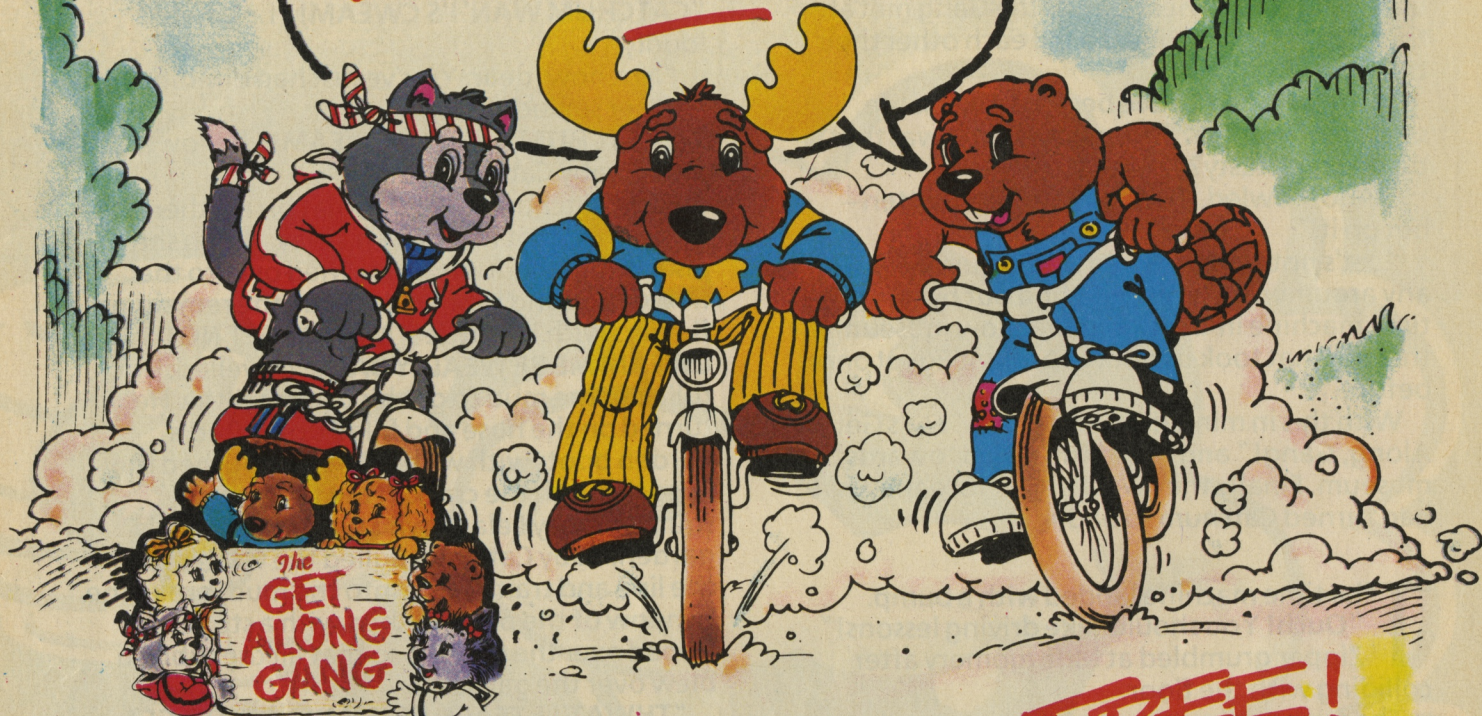
"These are for you – for not getting one as a baby," Dotty said sweetly.

Catchum stared blankly as the Gang walked off.

"They've gone potty! What are they talking about?"

By John Gatehouse

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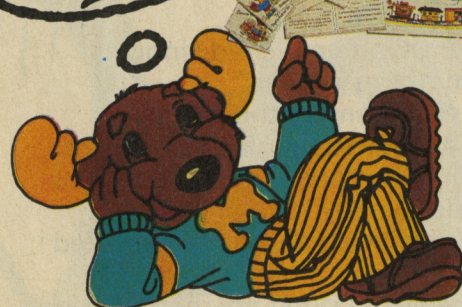


Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

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WHEN YOU
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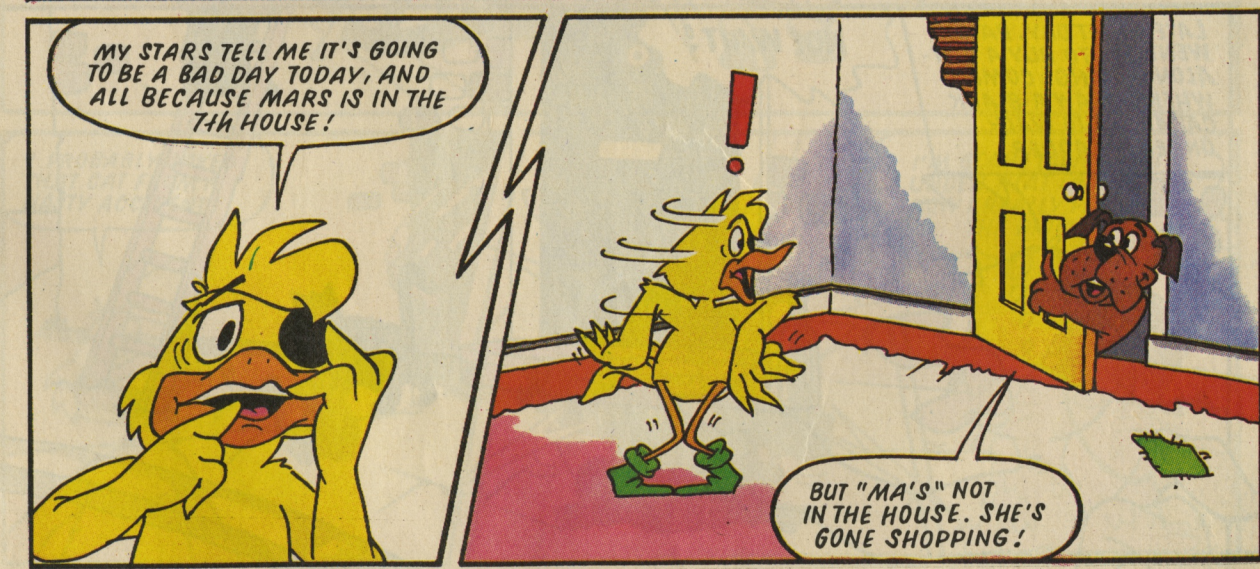
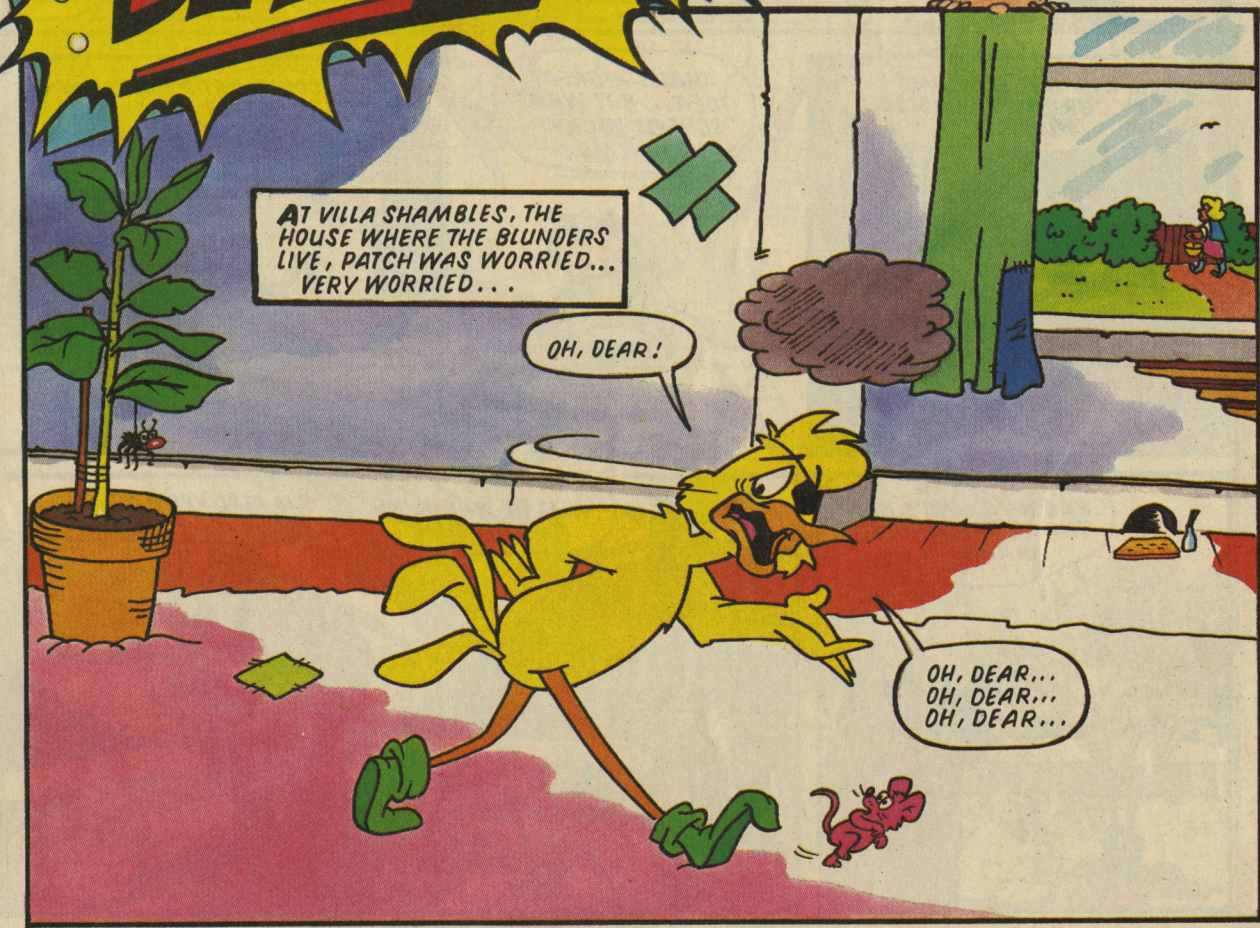
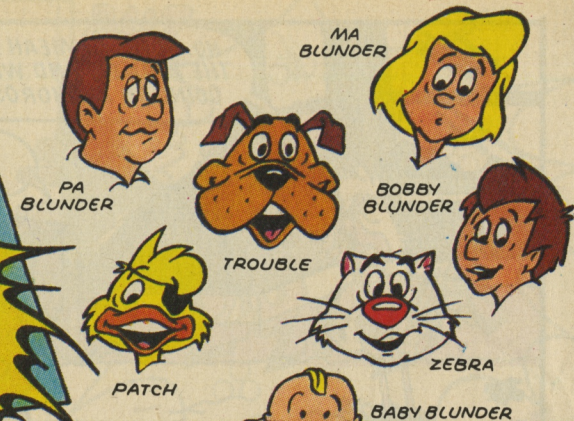
The GET ALONG GANG CLUB, Green Meadow, Diss Norfolk, IP22 3HH, UK
enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club.
Please enrol my child as an official member:-

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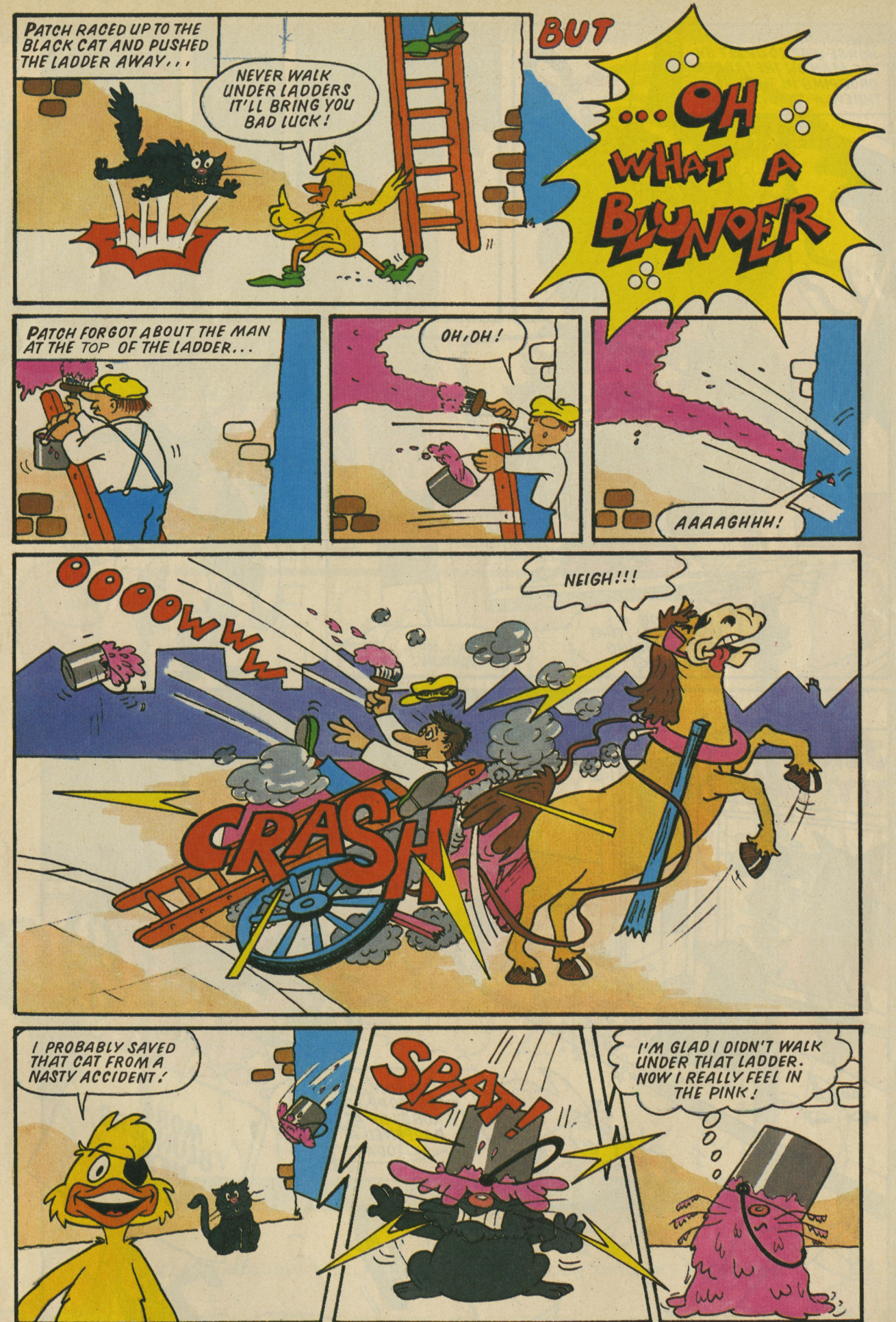
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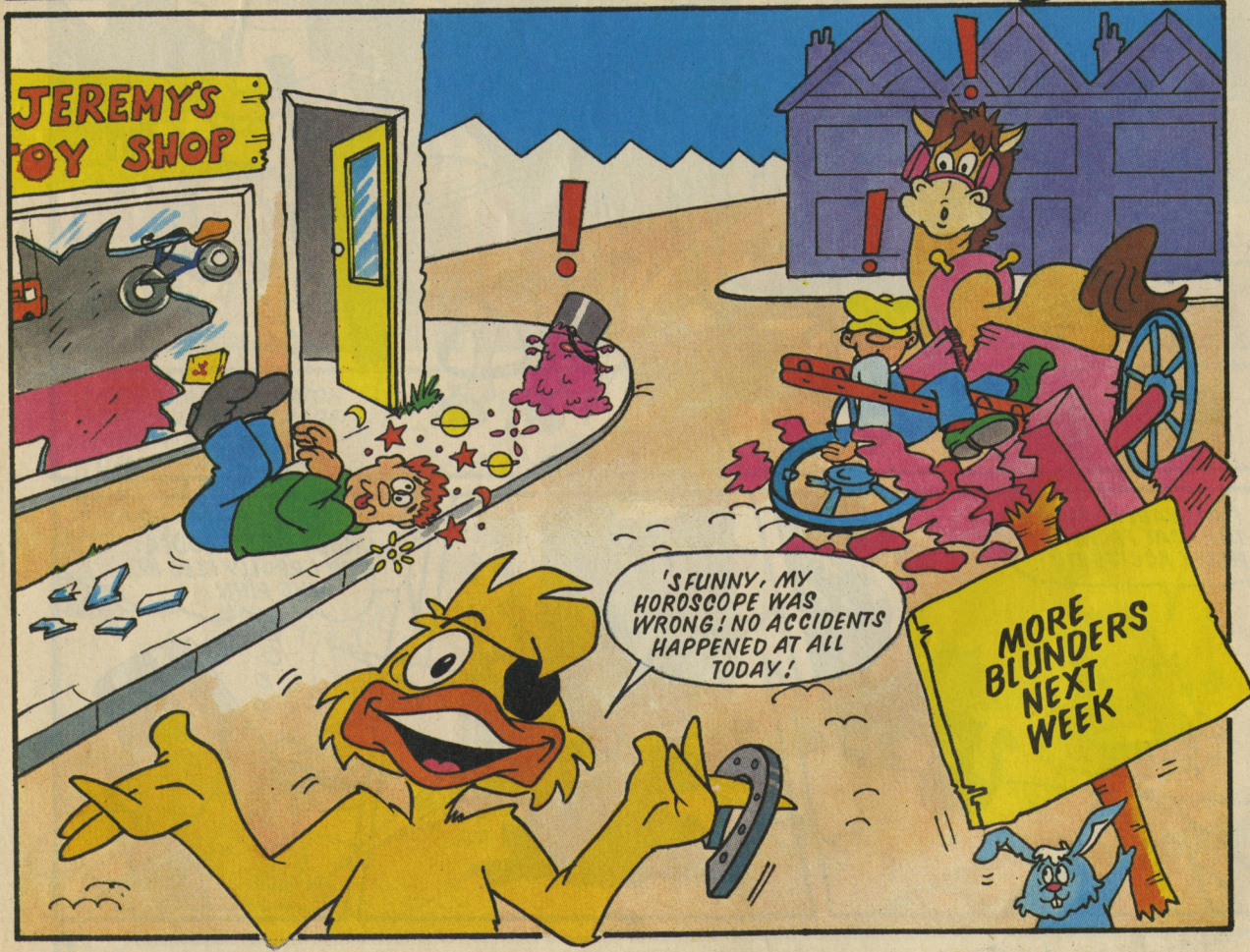
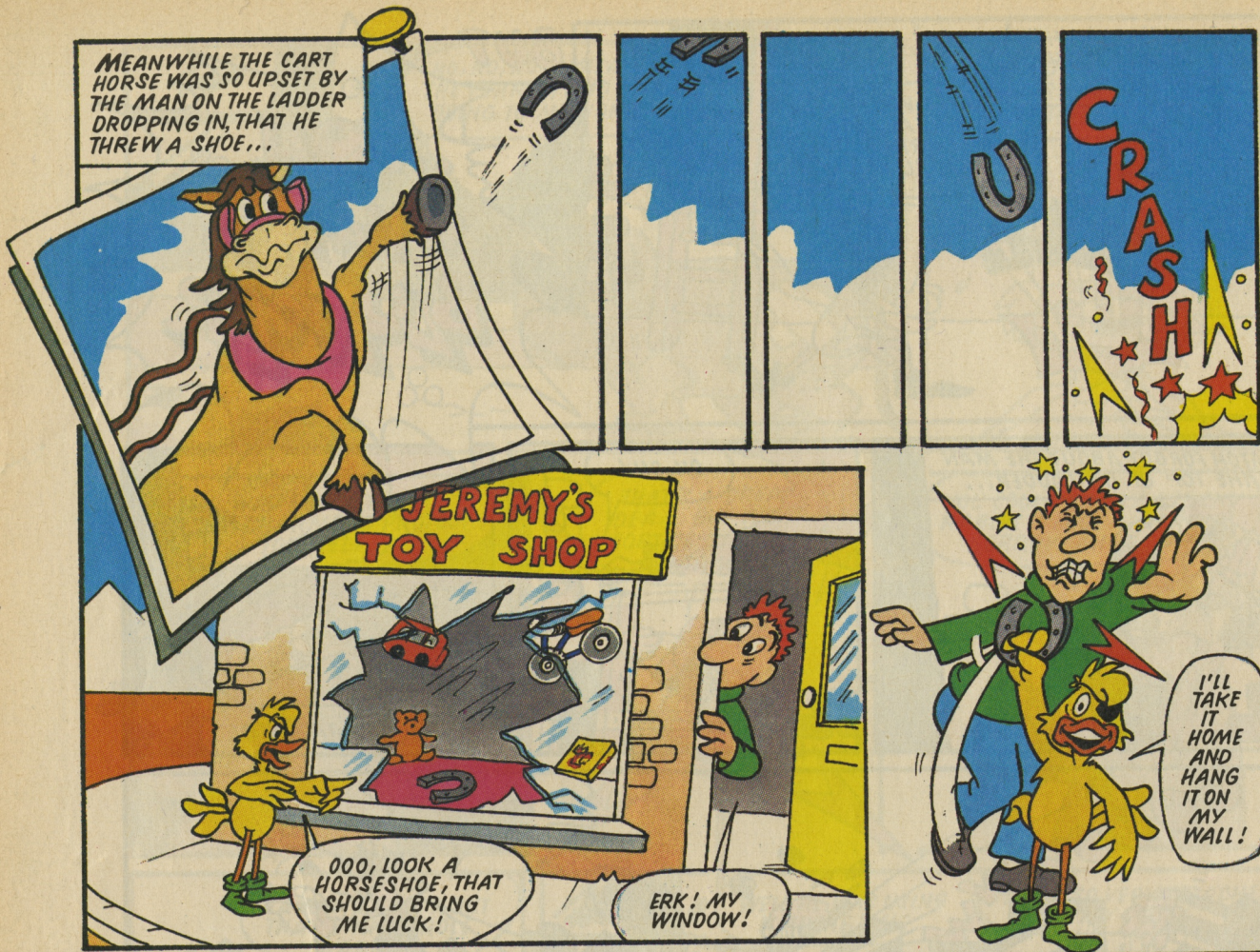
FRANKIE HOWARD'S THE BLUNDERS



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MEANWHILE THE CART HORSE WAS SO UPSET BY THE MAN ON THE LADDER DROPPING IN, THAT HE THREW A SHOE...



BRAKER'S BRAIN TEASER!



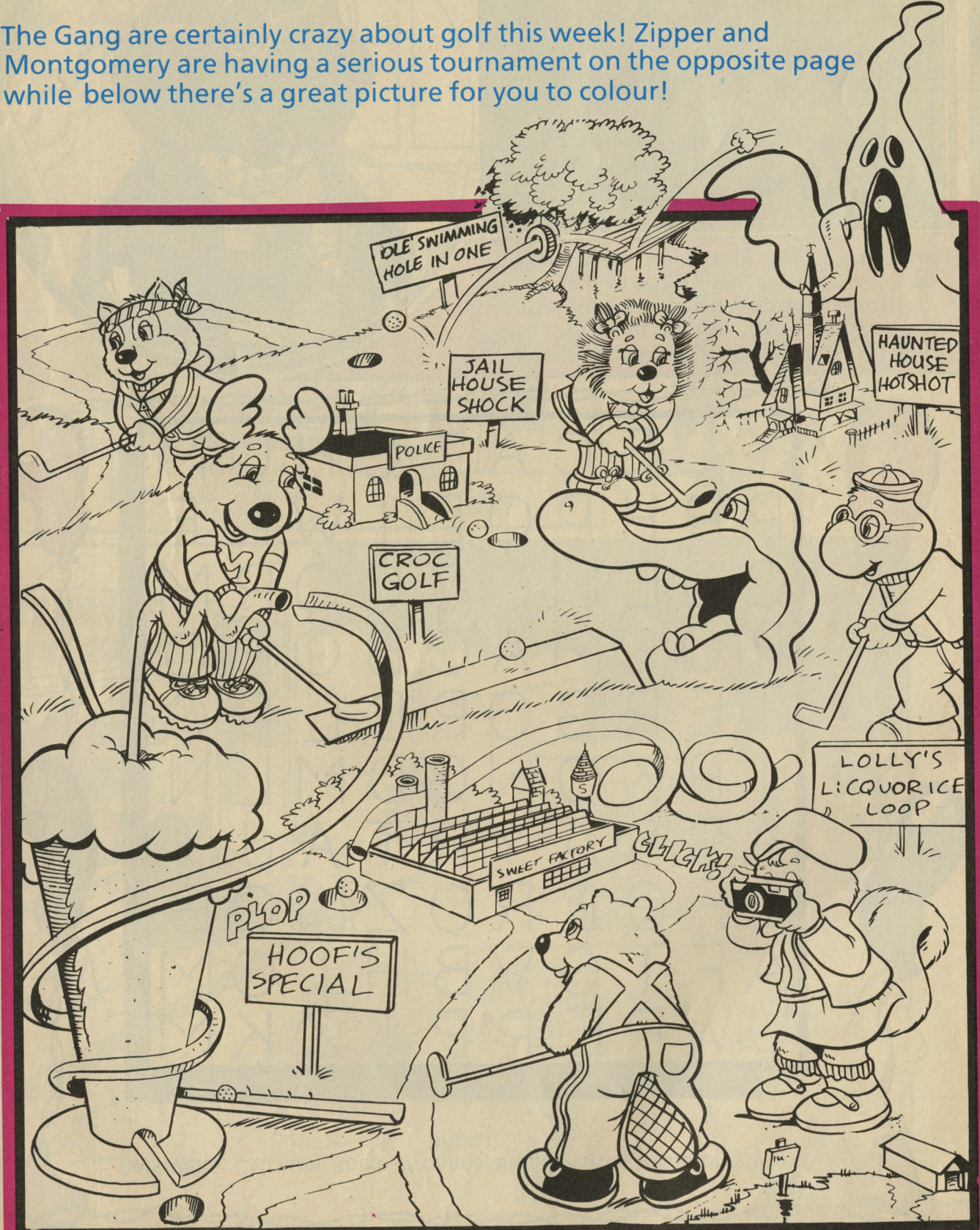
Braker has hidden 8 Get Along Gang names in the puzzle below. They may be written across, diagonally, back to front or even upside down! See how quickly you can find them – anything under a minute is good. Leland took 3 hours!

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ANSWERS: Catchum, Rocco, Woolma, Bingo, Portia, Montgomery and Braker.

Colouring Chaos!

The Gang are certainly crazy about golf this week! Zipper and Montgomery are having a serious tournament on the opposite page while below there's a great picture for you to colour!



A HOLE IN ONE!



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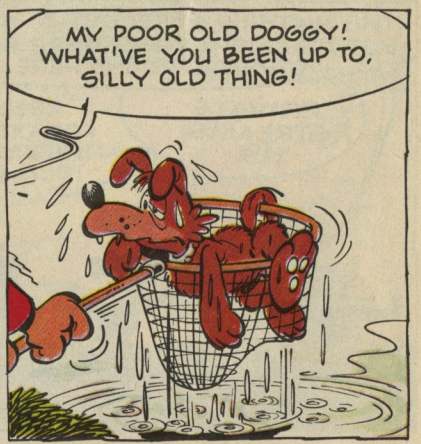
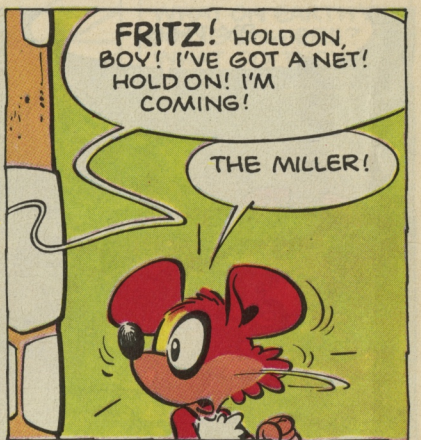
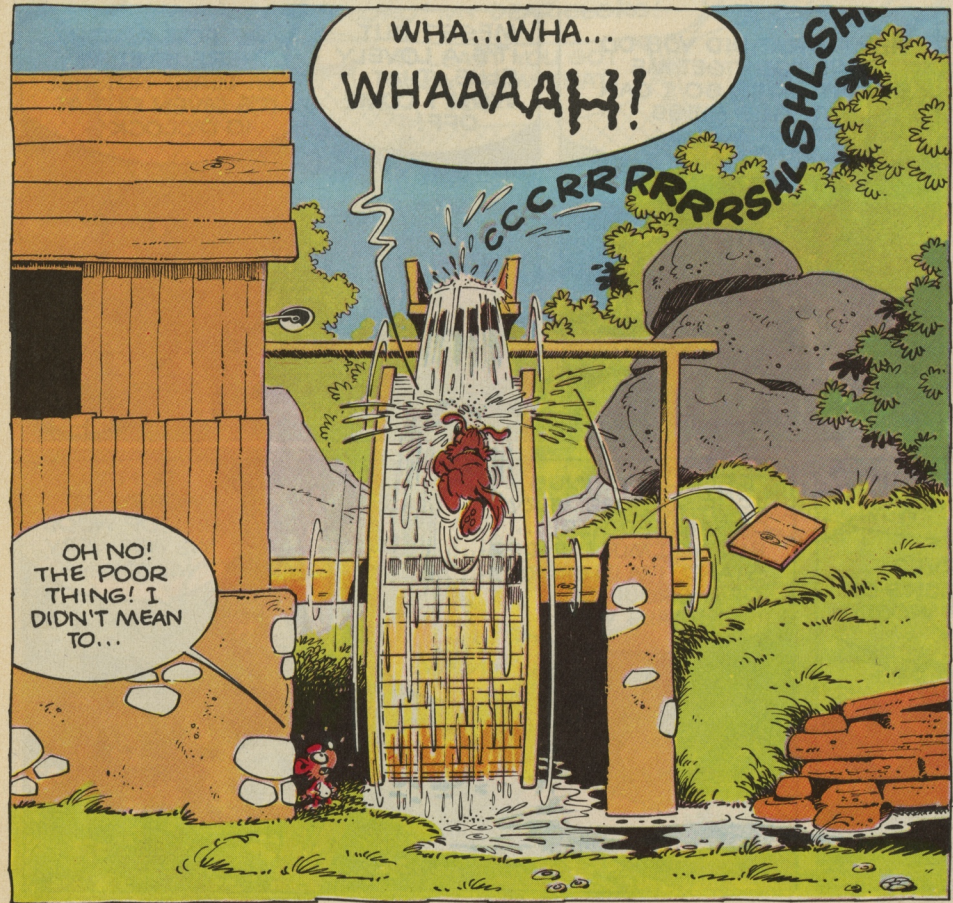
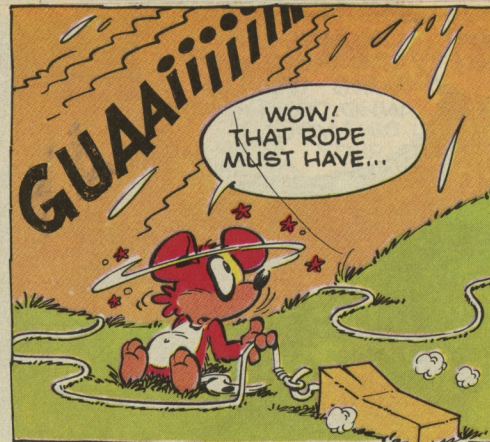
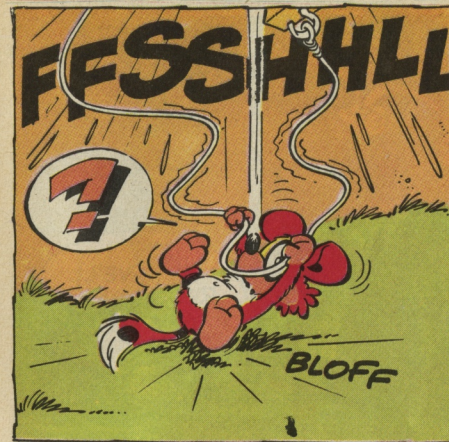
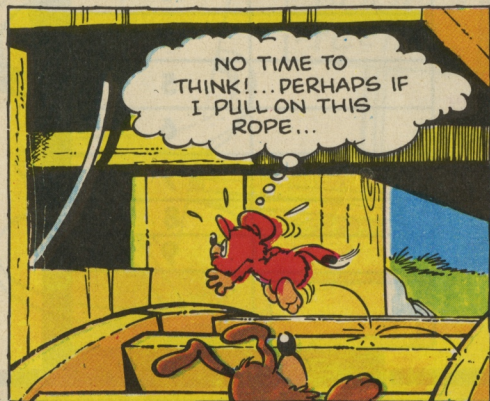
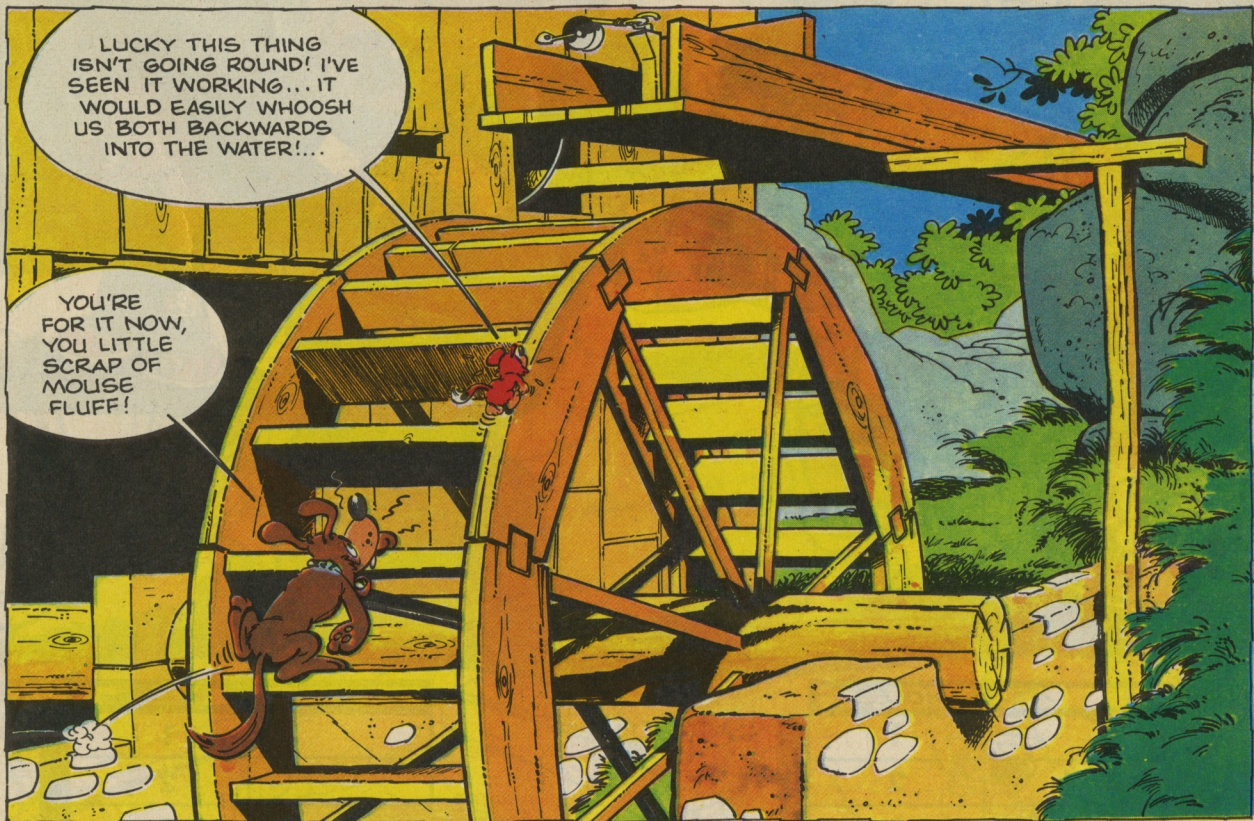
You can join in Montgomery and Zipper's golf tournament! This is a game for 2 players. As you can see there are 2 scoreboards - one each. Each scoreboard has 2 columns of boxes. Take it in turns to throw a dice. Write down the first number you throw in the box next to hole 1, write the second number next to hole 2 and so on until you have filled up all the boxes in the score column. Then add up the numbers and see who's got the highest score!

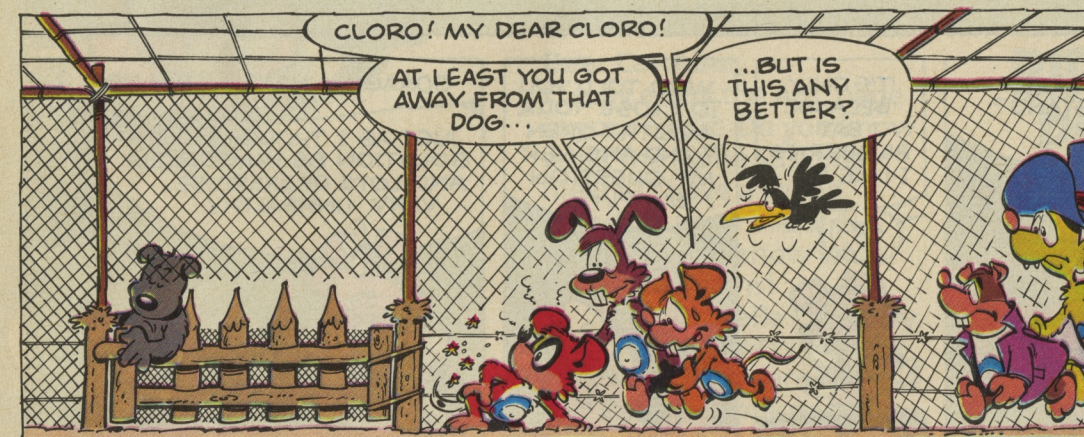
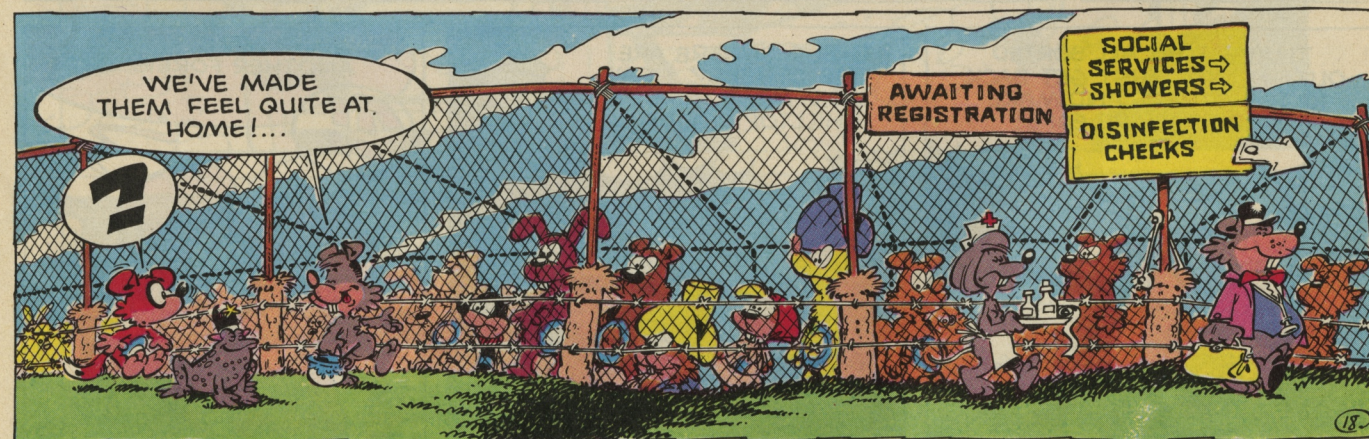
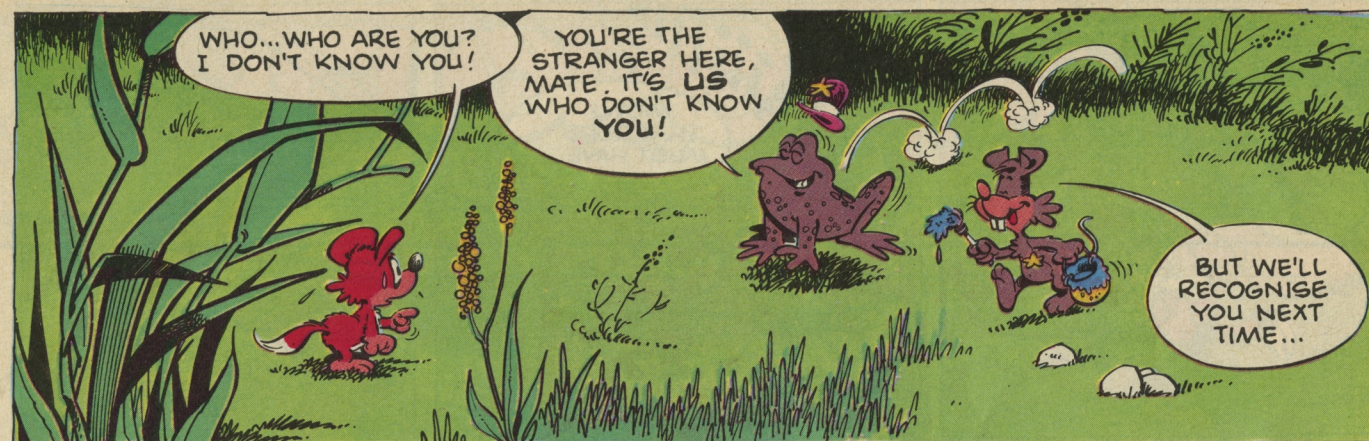
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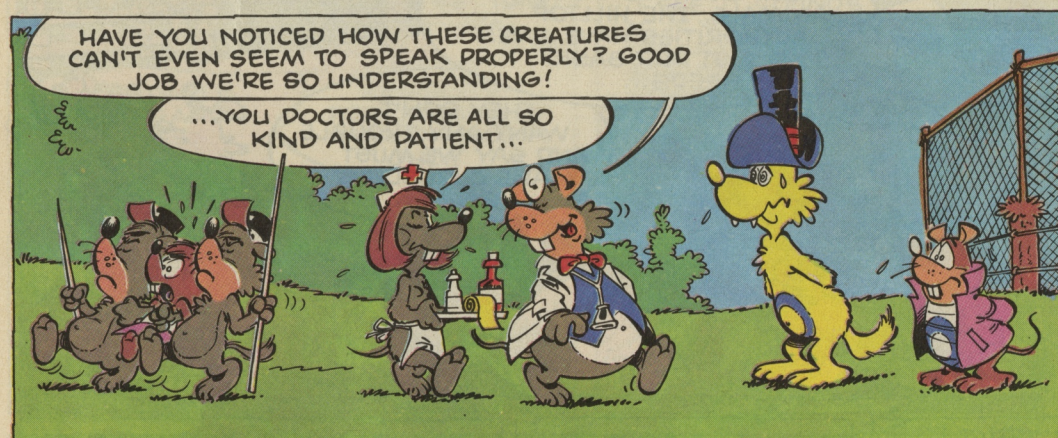
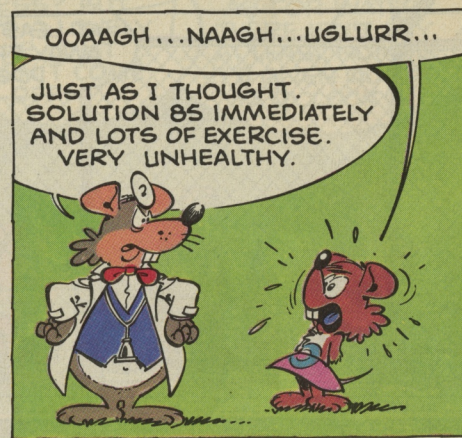
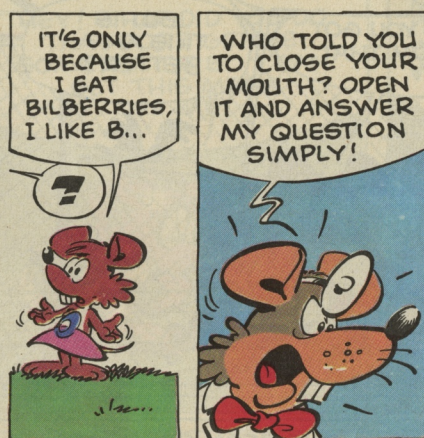
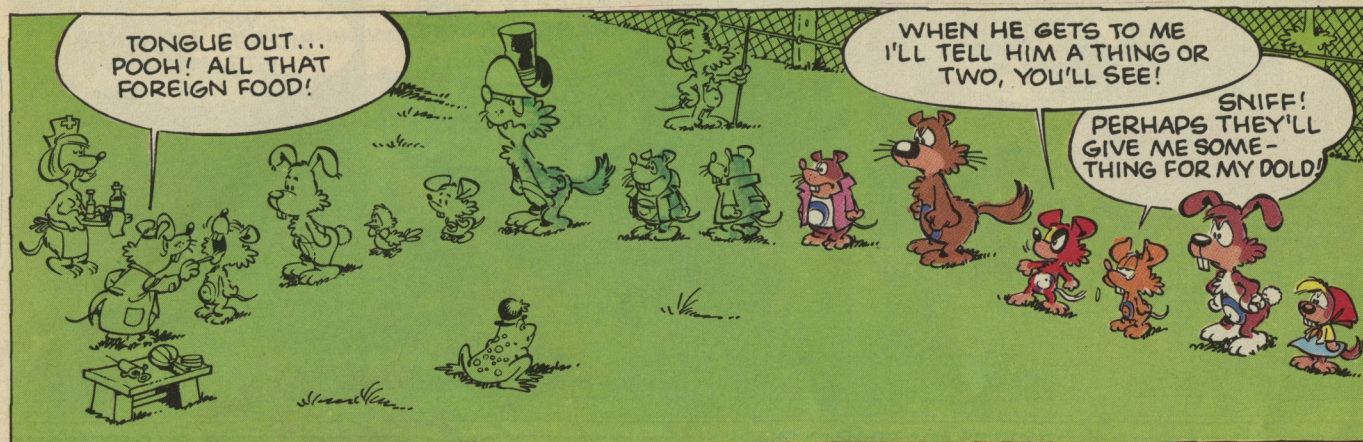
The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

CLORO AND DIGBY

Cloro is being hotly pursued by a vicious dog...







LETTERS TO

GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Catchum,
I really enjoy the ABC page in your comic. Do you know what the name Susanna means? I have a friend called Susanna and she would love to know what her name means!

Danielle Calverley.

Well, Montgomery tells me that Susanna means *fair as a lily*! What a soppy name! Catchum, on the other hand, means *one with big teeth* – much better! Lelands means *slimy, creepy one*! Ha ha!

Belated Greetings to...
James Smith who will be 8 on June 14th. Happy birthday James!

Which member of the gang shines in the dark?
Woolma lamp!

Lynsay Pitcairn.

Have you heard about the man who fell asleep with his head under the pillow?
The fairies took all his teeth out!

Katie Grey.

Waiter, waiter, this coffee tastes like earth!
Yes sir it was ground yesterday!

Kerry Payne.

A STRANGE TAIL!
Dear Catchum,
Your tail's very clever! But I bet it can't do anything really clever like putting up shelves! Ha ha!

Anthony Norman.

I may not be able to put up shelves with my tail but I can give Leland a good, sharp clip round the ear with it and that's what counts!

IT'S HORRIBLE!
Dear Catchum,
Do you and Leland like horror films?

Gavin Roberts.

Coo – yes, you bet we do! Especially really gory, horrid, yukky ones! Leland sometimes has to hide his eyes – what a weed!

Write to:- Mr.C.Crocodile.
Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
23, Redan Place.
London W2 4SA.

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY 28TH MAY
Luean Rust will be 4, Kirsty Robinson will be 7, Nerys Fyfield will be 8, Danielle Smith will be 8, Alastair Taylor will be 8, Louise Best will be 9 and Pauline Casey will be 10.

SUNDAY 29th MAY
Ruth Clark will be 7 and Nadine Thorpe will be 10.

MONDAY 30th MAY
Kara Vale will be 6, Anna Lawrence will be 7, Neil Green will be 8, Richard Mizuro will be 8, Paul Thomas will be 8 and Sandra Steel will be 9.

TUESDAY 1st JUNE
Sharon's baby brother will be 1, Neil Hudson will be 5, Hazel Lee will be 9 and Scott Green's Dad will be 39.

WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE
Carolyn Frankson will be 5, Emily Taylor will be 5, Stuart Wagstaff will be 6, Eve-Marie Wilson will be 10 and Claire Lomas will be 13.

THURSDAY 3rd JUNE
Lynn Gray will be 1, Gemma Krings will be 5, Martin Paul Riley will be 5 and Melissa Holmes will be 10.

FRIDAY 4th JUNE
Robyn Warn will be 2, Arthur Smallman will be 71 and Leann Gwillyn will be a year older.

Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!

THE GET ALONG GANG



It's fun, working and playing together!

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So come along Get Along Gang fans – and get your favourite gang members only from Tomy – at all good toy shops.